

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

First Week of the November Sessions.

MOTIONS AND PETITIONS.

Wilson Poor, of Broad Top, Appointed Foreman of the Grand Jury—Verdicts Imposed.

The November term of court convened on Monday at 1:30 p. m., with Hon. J. M. Woods, Hon. William Brice and Hon. W. J. Diehl on the bench. The sheriff's venire were produced and the constables were called and were sworn to their returns and same were read. Wilson Poor, of Broad Top, was appointed foreman of the grand jury. Benson Culp, Thomas Willis and J. P. Chamberlain were excused from serving on the petit jury.

Commonwealth vs. Oster, leave was granted to go before the grand jury. No. 41, September sessions, 1904, for the offense of carrying a loaded gun. Estate of J. H. Hill, appointment of auditor continued. Estate of William Duzick, deceased, order of sale of real estate continued. Estate of Mrs. James Huron, order to sell real estate continued. Estate of Cyrus Young, widow's inventory filed and confirmed. Estate of Elizabeth Debaugh, deceased, report of auditor filed and confirmed. Estate of Daniel Snyder, deceased, A. L. Little, Esq., appointed auditor. Estate of Charles Beltz, deceased, petition of trustees to sell real estate and to construe will and state account, R. C. McNaughton, Esq., appointed. Estate of Daniel F. Lutz, deceased, alias writ of partition awarded. Cock vs. E. D. Becker, motion for rule to show cause why he should not give security for costs, rule granted and Attorney Sils appears. Report of auditor in assigned estate of Bulletin Printing Co. filed and confirmed in ten days. Johnson vs. Johnson, in divorce, appointment of master continued. Dierker, appointment of master continued. Estate of W. McCready, deceased, widow's inventory filed and confirmed. Estate of Elizabeth Backman, deceased, appointment of auditor continued. Estate of Charles C. Bremer, deceased, appointment of auditor continued. Nos. 1 and 2, September sessions, 1904, for road in West Providence, motion for appointment of reviewers. Estate of W. T. Reiswick, deceased, report of auditor filed and confirmed in ten days. Commonwealth vs. Fletcher, recognizance of Attorney Fletcher renewed in \$200 for defendant's appearance at January sessions, 1905.

Estate of James Sheridan, deceased, return of rule with proof of service. Estate of J. B. Williams, deceased, return of sale filed and confirmed. Estate of David W. Meszke, deceased, return of sale filed and confirmed. Estate of Grier vs. Grier, in divorce, alias subpoena awarded. In No. 8, September sessions, 1904, for road in Broad Top, report of viewers filed and confirmed. Estate of Clayton C. Arnold, deceased, petition of administrator to sell real estate awarded; bond in \$4,000. Estate of Ellen Smith, deceased, return of sale of real estate continued. Estate of Oliver Taylor for rule on heirs returnable to regular court. Estate of D. K. Lashley, deceased, return of rule on heirs filed; in same estate, calculation filed and approved; heirs called but none responded. E. D. Lashley takes Purport No. 4. The decree is made accordingly. Same estate, recognizance filed and approved.

Estate of Ruth Rice, deceased, report of auditor filed and confirmed. Estate of John M. Zumbower, deceased, widow's inventory filed and confirmed.

Estate of A. C. Roubush, deceased, order for sale of real estate continued. Estate of Rufus J. Wertz, deceased, order for sale of real estate continued. No. 1, January sessions, 1904, for road in Napier, order of viewers continued. Estate of A. J. Heustess, deceased, return of sale of real estate filed and confirmed. Estate of Ann Eliza Dively, deceased, return of sale filed; as continued as to balance. Estate of Zachariah Mowry, deceased, petition of widow for appraisers, Jonathan Begbie and Henry Walter appointed. Estate of Mary G. Barton, deceased, the appointment of auditor continued. Estate of Jacob J. Moore, deceased, sale of real estate continued until Wednesday. Estate of George W. Eichelberger, deceased, report of auditor filed and confirmed in ten days. Estate of Emma S. Begbie, deceased, confirmation of report struck off and confirmation submitted and confirmed. No. 2, November sessions, 1903, road in Liberty township, the survey changed. In the estate of Henry Kelley, deceased, order for sale of real estate continued. Pattonville and Woodbury Turnpike Road Co., order for the master's fee granted. Shroyer vs. Shroyer, in divorce, motion for publication granted. West vs. Welsh, report of master filed. Estate of James L. Norton, deceased, petition to sell real estate ordered, bond in \$500 filed and approved. No. 5, September sessions, 1904, for road in West Providence, appointment of viewers continued. Estate of Peter Barndollar, deceased, order to sell real estate continued. Estate of Andrew Konitz, deceased, appointment of auditor continued. No. 5, November sessions, 1904, for bridge over Bloody run, in Everett, leave to go before the grand jury.

Resignation of H. E. Burns, constable of Woodbury township, accepted. No. 4, September sessions, 1904, for bridge over Garden's creek, report of viewers in favor of bridge filed. In the following cases return of sale filed and confirmed: Peter Kesky, W. P. Reisinger, Abraham Sollenberger, deceased. In the estate of John K. Titter, deceased, appointment of auditor continued. Estate of Irwin S. Gayer, deceased, order to sell real estate continued. Return of inquest on Franklin Doremus filed. Petition of sundry citizens of Woodbury township to have county commissioners build an election house, rule awarded returnable to argument court. Estate of Rachel Cline, deceased, report of auditor filed and to be confirmed in ten days. In No. 1, April sessions, 1904, for

THANKSGIVING THEME

Rev. H. B. Townsend Preaches Sermon on "War and Arbitration."

AN ABLE DISCOURSE.

"Let Us Have Peace and Let America Be the Example of the World, the Evangel of the Nations."

Union Thanksgiving services were held in St. John's Reformed church Thursday morning of this week. As usual, the ministers of Bedford took part in the services and the choir was composed of singers from the various churches of the town. Rev. H. B. Townsend, pastor of the Presbyterian church, preached the sermon, which we herewith publish:

Isa. 2:3-4—And He shall judge among the nations and shall rebuke many people; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. It is a strange thing that looking back on our long stretches of time when we call historical and looking at the races and nations of earth, whether civilized or barbarous, and reading their stories—their literature, poems, philosophies and religions—we note that the chief thing in all these is the spirit of war; their chief glory is military; their chief poems sing tales of wars as Homer does; their greatest heroes are warriors conquering the world and holding tribes in subjection by the sword.

Through all the ages but one voice was raised—sweet and musical as the song of lark or nightingale said the hootings of owls and the discordant sounds of jackals and wolves in a forest; the one sound of a bugle of peace from the Hebrews. The first poem in the Bible is Lament's "Song of the Sufferer," and these Hebrews were warlike enough—strong in their passions and antipathies, requiring centuries to overcome. But a tale of men came into their lives—the prophets—who did not tell them that the "warlike spirit" and occupation of the gods was war; that heroic warlike achievements were the most honorable; but looking beyond with undimmed vision, they saw through the centuries the greatest and most impressive figure of all history and they declared that when the Messiah came in His new kingdom—peace should reign; the earth; that His reign should sweep through nations and earth, and God's law be rightly observed; then the nations would turn from war to peaceful occupations, beating their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks, for they saw that a man should not lift up sword against nation, neither should they learn war any more.

They predicted a time when a higher law than that of force or greed and selfishness shall rule and the Divine Will shall be supreme. The laws and policies of nations shall then be guided not by the laws and passions of men—but by the case history of the past to write the story of men's wars—but the higher moral and spiritual faculties and sentiments shall prevail and control. "Peace shall be not a visitant to earth but shall abide; and nations shall be exultant and made happy by the victories which peace wins. Now this is to be done—the text implies by the common people—not by kings and princes—potentates and nobles and generals, but they—the people—shall beat their swords into plowshares. Their (the people's) spears be beaten into pruning hooks; nation (not kings and generals) shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

For consider—the world's great business—especially the civilized—is to teach war. A Europe is a military school and the education is compulsory. Every capable man—during the formative period of his life—must be in this school. So you have, five millions in the primary school of the army, and fifteen millions in advanced schools called "barracks."

And the prophet here declares that when the righteousness of the gospel shall control, these schools will be emptied of scholars. The science, skill, time and resources now expended in military affairs shall be turned into other channels of righteousness and so peace shall have her victories as well as war.

All things shall conduce to the better education—higher comfort and general welfare of the people. Then sorrow and sighing shall flee away and poverty itself shall lose its sting and God's kingdom and law shall rule from east to west through every zone and the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord.

This is the future: for there are hindrances today to the consummation of this state. The first is the large space in the world's thought, industry and time that is given to war. When war claims the skill of the inventor, the science of the scholar, the arts of the mechanic and is embalm in the age's literature how little space and time and means are left for the arts of peace. The second hindrance follows, that this lower civilization of which we live is destructive rather than constructive, it must change and yield to a higher which will come from the cooperation of the laboring man part from the rich monopolist and the onest man.

In the lower realms of life you see states and conditions whence men are slowly emerging from barbarism and hardness and the animal earth life where they live along animal lines alone—succeeding by brute, if not brutal, force and cunning and where they need physical strength and force and awakening intelligence to control the physical and animal world; in other words, that form of life which we call savagery.

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Thomas B. Nowlin, of Saxton, died on November 15. He was born in Tyrore and was aged 37 years, six months and three days at the time of his death. The deceased spent most of his life in Tyrore but for the past eleven years resided in Saxton. Mr. Nowlin was a druggist, having entered that business at an early age, and during his residence in Saxton was manager of the Saxton drug store. He is survived by his wife and four children. One brother, S. T. Nowlin, of Allegheny, also survives him.

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